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## STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

THE VILLAGE OF ANNAWAN, A
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND
PATRIOT RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC,
AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION,

Petitioners,

v.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND IOWA INTERSTATE RAILROAD,

Respondents.

Petition for an Order authorizing )
the construction of an at-grade )
crossing with automatic flashing )
signal lights, etc. and interconnected traffic signals on US )
Highway 6 in Henry County, )
Illinois.

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NO. TO7-0041

## PETITION

NOW COME Petitioners, The Village of Annawan and Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC, and state:

- 1. Petitioner, Village of Annawan, was organized in 1853 within the State of Illinois. The Village has established a business park and TIF District along its eastern edge.
- 2. Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC is an Illinois corporation engaged in the process of constructing a dry grind ethanol production facility.
- 3. Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC owns and will operate a 100 million gallon dry grind ethanol production facility to process 37 million bushels of locally grown corn, and is located within the Annawan TIF District and business park, and which is also using a portion of the City of Kewanee's enterprise zone.

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Patriot owns approximately 223 acres at the facility site, and will receive corn by truck and rail, process the corn into ethanol and other by-products and ship the ethanol and by-products by truck and rail. Over 200 Midwestern and local citizens, farmers, businesses, primarily from Annawan, Kewanee, Geneseo and the many surrounding communities in Henry, Bureau and Rock Island Counties invested in the ethanol plant.

- 4. The Village of Annawan seeks to construct a new highway/rail at-grade public road crossing with automatic flashing signal lights and gates, storage lanes and interconnected traffic signals on US Highway 6 and other safety measures for connecting to US Highway 6 for eastern access to its business park, and businesses, located within its facility, including Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC as shown on Exhibits A and B.
- 5. The Illinois Commerce Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter.
- 6. The rail yard of Patriot extends easterly from its switch with the Iowa Interstate Railroad Company main line. This new public crossing is approximately 4,130 feet to the east from the 2900 E Township road. The Iowa Interstate Railroad has granted a permanent easement along US 6 to facilitate the necessary turning lanes for the new crossing.
- 7. The public crossing will carry car and truck vehicular traffic to serve as access to Annawan's newly-established business park, as well as Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC and other industry located along this section of road. The public crossing will also carry regular "through" car and truck vehicular traffic. Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC will require approximately 140 trucks per day for delivery of grain and other freight to the plant and 75 trucks for export of by-products. It is estimated that in the year 2028 future growth of traffic will be 370 grain trucks and 200 fuel type ethanol trucks. It is assumed that 25% of traffic will utilize the new intersection at US Highway 6 coming from the east. The new western access industrial road to the plant from highway 78 and Interstate 80 will be built by the Village of Annawan.
- 8. The railroad traffic for Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC will normally consist of two (2) movements of approximately 25 cars into the facility daily around 3:00 a.m. and one (1) movement of approximately 25 cars leaving the facility daily around 9:30 p.m. Ethanol will be one of the by-products being

shipped by rail. Train speed on the main line is 40 mph and not to exceed 10 mph inside the Patriot plant.

- 9. Because of the volume of highway traffic (both in connection with the business park, the ethanol plant, and regular through traffic) and the time of day and the rail transportation of ethanol over the proposed crossing, said crossing would warrant flashing light signal protection gates and interconnected traffic signals on us Highway 6 would be necessary in the interest of public safety. The main line track and siding track would be kept level across the grade.
- 10. The cost of constructing the grade crossing, including engineering and construction is approximately \$2,000,000.00 and will be paid by an Illinois Department of Transportation EDP grant as shown on Exhibit C. Completion of the crossing is anticipated within six months after entry of an Order granting the requested relief.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners, The Village of Annawan and Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC, respectfully request that the Commerce Commission set the matter for hearing and enter an Order:

- A. Authorizing the installation, construction and maintenance of a new at-grade public road crossing with automatic signal lights, gates, storage lanes and interconnected traffic signals on US Highway 6 in Henry County, Illinois.
- B. Authorizing all necessary construction of warning devices consisting of automatic flashing lights and gates and signalization to activate the warning devices.
- C. Directing that no funds be paid from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund for these improvements.
- D. Grant such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

The Village of Annawan and Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC,

Petitioners

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## **VERIFICATION**

Gene Griffith, being first duly sworn, on oath does depose and state that he has read the foregoing Petition by him subscribed, and that he has personal knowledge of all of the matters therein stated, and that the same are true in substance and in fact to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $\frac{1}{6}$  day of

Gene Griffith, President Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC PO Box 560 313 N. Canal St. Annawan, IL 61234

"OFFICIAL SEAL" William E. Stewart Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Exp. 08/23/2007

## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was served by placing same in a sealed envelope addressed:

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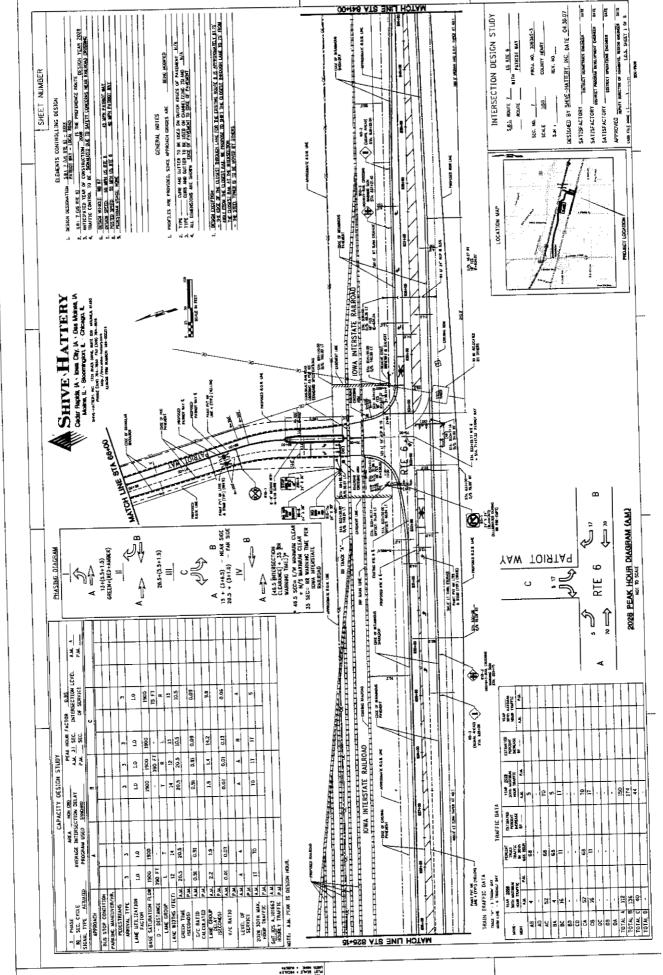
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Petitioners Exhibit A.



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